

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Nels R. SMITH et al.

Title: VEHICLE COMPONENT AND METHOD  
FOR MAKING A VEHICLE COMPONENT

App. No.: 10/585,038

International 1/3/2005

Filing Date: 6/29/2006

371(c) Date:

Examiner: Ryan M. Ochylski

Art Unit: 1743

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

Amendment/Reply.

Information Disclosure Statement.

Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 3 listed reference(s).

[ ] Other .

Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$930.00	=	\$930.00
Total Claims:	20	-	20 = 0	x \$60.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3 = 0	x \$250.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$450.00		=	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	=	\$930.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$150.00	0	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$560.00		\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,270.00		\$1,270.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,980.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,690.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$1,270.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		-	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$1,270.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$2,200.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			<b>\$2,200.00</b>

The above-identified fees of \$2,200.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date March 22, 2012

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